fluences of civilization, larger civilization, upon the birds, are immeasurable. If we could scatter such sectional bird censuses over the country at large, their contribution to the economic questions involved in the relation of birds to all human interests would be immense. Perhaps not many of us feel capable of making such a census. It is a great undertaking, and fraught with many difficulties which do not appear at first sight. But there is one thing which every person can do, wherever he may study the living birds, and that is to keep a record of the numbers of individuals of each species seen every time the birds are studied. Even this will not be possible with some species at some times of year, but with many species it is entirely possible at any time. Those which are so numerous that an accurate count is impossible, do not need such careful attention.

This is the field which we can occupy, and for which we are organized. Not only will your own note-books be far richer, but they will make possible comparisons with the work of others in other regions, and form a basis for estimates of your actual bird population. Before you refuse to accept the force of this argument, sit down and think just what you mean when you say that a certain species is common, or abundant, or rare. If you are satisfied with that sort of information, this request is not directed at you, but if you feel that these terms can be given some definite meaning by work such as we have suggested, we shall be glad to welcome you to the ranks of those who will do this sort of work. Surely we can agree that the work is of great importance, and so do what we can to make our note-books mean something definite.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Eighteen (18) ballots were cast for officers of the Chapter, for 1902, resulting in the following selections, viz.:

President—Lynds Jones, Oberlin, Ohio.

Vice President—N. Hollister, Delavan, Wis.

Secretary—John W. Daniel, Jr., 3146 Q street., N. W. Washington, D. C.

Treasurer—F. L. Burns, Berwyn, Pa.

Executive Committee—John H. Sage, R. M. Strong, H. C. Ober-

Benj. T. Gault, *Judge of Election.*

I find the above statement correct. R. M. Strong, *President.*